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## PRESS RELEASE

The Town of Webster is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Richard LaFond as its new Town Administrator. At its Tuesday, February 1, 2022 meeting, the Webster Board of Selectmen unanimously approved an employment agreement with Mr. LaFond with an initial term through June 30, 2025. Mr. LaFond will begin work February 9th, with a brief transition period with Interim Town Administrator Gregory Balukonis.

Mr. LaFond has a long and distinguished career in municipal governance, with more than two decades acting in a similar capacity for the towns of Carver and Abington.

"We are thrilled to welcome Rick to our community and look forward to his leadership and experience in working with our residents, businesses, town employees and the Board", Webster Board of Selectmen Chairman, Randy Becker commented. "Based on Rick's background, the Board is confident he will be an excellent fit for our Town."

Mr. LaFond commented that he felt he "would be a very good match and we'll find that to be the case for a long time." He also thanked the Board of Selectmen, the members of the Screening Committee and Search Consultant Kevin Paicos for their support and confidence.

The Board would also like to express its thanks and gratitude to Interim Town Administrator Balukonis who has done a truly admirable job for the Town of Webster for the past five months.

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